

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 2 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1, 3-5, 7, and 19-22 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A control method for an image forming system where an image processing apparatus for generating image data is connected to an image forming apparatus for forming a visible image based on the image data on a print medium, in said image processing apparatus, said method comprising:

an input step of inputting print information;

an object image judgment step of judging whether or not image data indicated by said print information inputted at said input step is in high quality;

a particular image judgment step of, if it is judged at said object image judgment step that said image data is in high quality, judging whether or not said image data represents a particular image; and

a particular image processing step of, if it is judged at said particular image judgment step that said image represents the particular image, performing predetermined processing,

wherein at said object image judgment step, if said image data has a resolution equal to or higher than a predetermined resolution, it is judged that said image data is in high quality.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~2~~1, wherein said predetermined resolution is a resolution with which image data can obtain sufficient precision as said particular image.

4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 3, wherein at said object image judgment step, if said image data has the resolution equal to or higher than the predetermined resolution and represents an image, it is judged that said image data is in high quality.

5. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 4, wherein at said object image judgment step, if said image data has the resolution equal to or higher than the predetermined resolution and represents an image, and said image data has an image size equal to or greater than a predetermined size, it is judged that said image data is in high quality.

6. (Original) The method according to claim 5, wherein said predetermined size is a size with which image data can represent an image as said particular image.

7. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein at said object image judgment step, if said image data represents an image, it is judged that said image data is in high quality.

8. (Original) The method according to claim 7, wherein at said object image judgment step, if said image data has a data amount equal to or greater than a predetermined amount, it is judged that said image data is in high quality.

9. (Original) The method according to claim 8, wherein said predetermined amount is a data amount enabling representation of predetermined number of colors.

10. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said object image judgment step, said particular image judgment step and said particular image processing step are performed in a driver for said image forming apparatus in said image processing apparatus.

11. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein at said input step, a print command from an application program is inputted.

12. (Original) The method according to claim 11, wherein said print command is described in Page Description Language.

13. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein at said particular image judgment step, if said image data includes particular information, it is judged that said image data represents a particular image.

14. (Original) The method according to claim 13, wherein said particular information is electronic watermark information embedded in said image data.

15. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein at said particular image processing step, a warning message is displayed for a user.

16. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein at said particular image processing step, image processing to degrade image quality is performed on said image data.

17. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein at said particular image processing step, said image data is filled with a predetermined color.

18. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein at said particular image processing step, an operation history of said image data is stored.

19. (Currently Amended) An image forming system where an image processing apparatus for generating image data is connected to an image forming apparatus for forming a visible image based on the image data on a print medium,

wherein a driver for said image forming apparatus in said image processing apparatus performs:

a first judgment as to whether or not image data indicated by input print information is in high quality;

a second judgment as to whether or not said image data represents a particular image if it is judged that said image data is in high quality; and

predetermined processing on said image data. if it is judged that said image data represents the particular image,

wherein at said first judgment, if said image data has a resolution equal to or higher than a predetermined resolution, it is judged that said image data is in high quality.

20. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus comprising:

input means for inputting image data;

judgment means for, if said image data inputted by said input means is in high quality, judging whether or not said image data represents a particular image; and

image processing means for, if it is judged that said image data represents the particular image, performing predetermined processing,

wherein in said judgment means, if said image data has a resolution equal to or higher than a predetermined resolution, it is judged that said image data is in high quality.

21. (Currently Amended) A program for controlling an image processing apparatus for generating image data for printing, including:

code ~~of~~ for an input process for inputting print information;

code ~~of~~ for an object image judgment process for judging whether or not image data indicated by the print information inputted at said input process is in high quality;

code ~~of~~ for a particular image judgment process for, if it is judged at said object image judgment process that said image data is in high quality, judging whether or not said image data represents a particular image; and

code ~~of~~ for a particular image processing process for, if it is judged at said particular image judgment process that said image data represents the particular image, performing predetermined processing,

wherein at said object image judgment step, if said image data has a resolution equal to or higher than a predetermined resolution, it is judged that said image data is in high quality.

22. (Currently Amended) A recording medium where a program for controlling an image processing apparatus for generating image data for printing is recorded, wherein said program includes:

code ~~of~~ for an input process for inputting print information;

code ~~of~~ for an object image judgment process for judging whether or not image data indicated by the print information inputted at said input process is in high quality;

code ~~of~~ for a particular image judgment process for, if it is judged at said object image judgment process that said image data is in high quality, judging whether or not said image data represents a particular image; and

code ~~of~~ for a particular image processing process for, if it is judged at said particular image judgment process that said image data represents the particular image, performing predetermined processing,

wherein at said object image judgment step, if said image data has a resolution equal to or higher than a predetermined resolution, it is judged that said image data is in high quality.